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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE FINANCE MINISTER DISCUSSES REVERSE

PREFERENCES, PROPOSED EC VEGETABLE OIL TAX, INTERNATIONAL

RESOURCES BANK, COMMERCIAL MISSION TO US AND ECOWAS

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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR CALLED ON SENEGALESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BABACAR BA JULY 23 TO REVIEW NUMEROUS ECONOMIC ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. TONE OF MEETING WAS POSITIVE THROUGHOUT. BA INDICATED GOS WAS PHASING OUT REVERSE PREFERENCE TO OPEN US SENEGALESE MARKET. HE SAID SENEGAL WAS STUDYING ADVERSE IMPACT WHICH PROPOSED EC TAX ON IMPORTED VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS WOULD HAVE. BA EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK AND OTHER US ECONOMIC INITIATIVES. MINISTER VOICED DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY AND SAID HE HOPED TO JOIN 1977 GOS COMMERCIAL MISSION TO US. HE SAID SENEGAL WOULD PROBABLY RATIFY ECOWAS IN NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. REVERSE PREFERENCES: BA STATED THAT SENEGAL HAD MADE DECISION TO PHASE OUT TARIFF PREFERENCES GRANTED TO EC COUNTRIES AND TO LIBERALIZE SYSTEM OF IMPORT LICENSES SO AS TO ALLOW ALL COUNTRIES EQUAL ACCESS TO SENEGALESE MARKET. IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE GRADUAL SO AS TO AVOID PRECIPITOUS INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING. EMBASSY GATHERING FURTHER INFORMATION TO RESPONSE TO REF A. REVERSE PREFERENCES DATE FROM 19TH CENTURY, AND SENEGAL IN PAST HAS BEEN ONE OF THEIR STRONGEST DEFENDERS, BUT MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT THEY WERE BEING ABOLISHED TO INCREASE COMPETITION AMONG CAPITAL GOODS SUPPLIERS.

3. VEGETABLE OILS: BA WAS INFORMED OF PHASE OUT OF PEANUT OIL FROM US SURPLUS DISPOSAL PROGRAMS (REF C). HE COMMENTED THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM BETWEEN US AND SENEGAL ON THIS ISSUE. BA AGREED THAT EC VEGETABLE OIL PROPOSALS (REFS B,C,D, AND F) WOULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON SENEGALESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMY AND SAID THEY WERE UNDER STUDY BY SENEGALESE EC REP SEDINA OUMAR SY IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER NATIONS AFFECTED.

4. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES: DECLARING THAT SENEGAL FAVORED ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ALL NATIONS, EXCEPT COMMUNISTS...WHO PREFER TO FURNISH WEAPONS," MINISTER SAID SENEGAL WAS CLOSELY FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON NEW ECONOMIC ORDER TAKING PLACE IN CIEC AND OTHER FORA. AMBASSADOR LEFT

COPY OF AIDE MEMORE ON IRB BASED ON REFTEL GA AND DREW ON POINTS IN REFTELS H AND I TO EMPHASIZE BENEFICAL ROLE WHICH PROPOSED IRB COULD PLAY. AMBASSADOR ALSO PROVIDED COPY OF BOEKER INTERVIEW FROM JULY 1 WIRELESS FILE EVALUATION UNCTAD-IV RESULTS. BA EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR IRB AND OTHER US INITIATIVES, INDICATING THAT NEGATIVE ITEMS WHICH OCCASIONALLY APPEARED IN SEMI OFFICIAL LOCAL PRESS DID NOT REFLECT GOS POSITION.

5. COMMERICAL MISSION TO US: REF E REPORTED PLANS BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIROMMENT LOUIS ALEXANDRENNE TO LEAD COMMERCIAL MISSION TO US IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1976. BA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE HOPED TO JOIN ALEXANDRENNE IN VISIT. COMMENT: AS HE IS SENEGAL'S FOREMOST SPOKESMAN ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, BAS PRESENCE WOULD COMPOUND STATURE AND AUTHORITY WHICH ALEXANDRENNES PARTICIPATION ALREADY LENDS TO MISSION.

6. ECOWAS: BA HAD JUST RETURNED FROM FIRST MEETING OF ECOWAS MINISTERIAL COUNCIL IN ACCRA TO REVIEW RECENTLY COMPLETED DRAFT ECOWAS PROTOCOLS (ACCRA 5381). DURING ACCRA MEETING, BA SAID HE WAS ABLE TO PERSUADE NIGERIA AND TOGO TO ACCEPT CERTAIN OF SENEGALS SUGGESTIONS IN DRAFT PROTOCOLS. SENEGALESE HAD BEEN DELAYING RATIFICATION OF ECOWAS PENDING DRAWING UP OF THESE PROTOCOLS (AND, MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, OUT OF CONCERN OVER NIGERIAN PREPONDERANCE WITHIN ORGANIZATION.) BA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SENEGAL NOW PLANNED TO RATIFY COMMUNITY AGREEMENT IN NEAR FUTURE IF PROTOCOLS SUBMITTED TO GOS FOR REVIEW ADHERED TO AGREEMENTS HE REACHED WITH OTHERS IN ACCRA.

7. ATMOSPHERICS: IN ABSENCE OF ANY MAJOR DIFFERENCES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILATERAL RELATIONS,ATMOSPHERE OF MEETING WAS POSITIVE AND RELAXED. BECAUSE OF HIS FREQUENT TRAVELS AND MULTIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES, BA IS ONE OF MORE INACCESSIBLE MEMBERS OF SENEGALESE CABINET, BUT HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO KEEP IN CLOSER CONTACT WITH EMBASSY.
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